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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Jöel RICHARD et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1615  
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Application No.: 10/049,186 ) Examiner: Gollamudi S. Kishore  
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Filed: February 8, 2002 )  
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For: MICROPARTICLES FOR ) Confirmation No.: 8142  
PULMONARY ADMINISTRATION )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**


Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to reply to the final Office Action of March 17, 2004. Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal and a Three-Month Extension of Time on September 17, 2004, to which an Appeal Brief was due on November 17, 2004. A fee of \$120.00 is enclosed extending the period for response to December 17, 2004.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: December 17, 2004

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